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Applicant : Toshiya KITAMURA

Serial No. : 09/413,984

Filed : October 7, 1999

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Re : NEGATIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE
MATERIAL FOR USE IN
ALKALINE CELL AND METHOD
OF PREPARING THE SAME

Art Unit : 1745

Examiner : T. Dove

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2001
(Paper No. 8), the term for response to which is extended one
month to expire on March 21, 2002 by a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME filed concomitantly herewith, please amend the application
as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the last paragraph on page 12 of the Substitute
Specification filed September 4, 2001 with the following
paragraph:

--From the test results, it has been confirmed that mixing
of metallic indium is effective in controlling gas generation

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